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Hi!

While you may discount this, I would like to state my opinion that the proposed settlement in the Microsoft Anti-trust case is both a valuable and useful resolution to this court battle that continues unwarrantedly.

While it is unfathomable to me how the United States government, along with several State governments can conceive of punishing a successful company for being successful, I can see how some of the stated actions attributed to Microsoft could be considered inappropriate for an open marketplace.

I do agree that many of the settlement terms implement procedures that Microsoft should have (and sometimes did) put into place many years ago. As such, I believe this settlement should go through substantially as proposed.

I also would like to see our court system spend time and money on anti-trust issues that have actual, demonstrated customer harm at their core, rather than the supposed harm to competitors that tripped up in the course of their own business and have failed to produce products that customers would continue to use over the course of years.

TTFN

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